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'Backout' Dead for Now Despite Senate Win

SENATOR ROBERT BYRD

By STUART MAGOWAN

WASHINGTON

Despite its recent lopsided victory in the Senate, the controversial "oil backout" bill is dead for this session of Congress, at least, and quite possibly forever.

This gloomy outlook is the consensus of those who look beyond the Senate Energy Committee's 17-1 approval of the amended legislation, and the assured Senate passage, to the fact that the House of Representatives must also vote out a similar piece of legislation even before the process of "conferencing" the two bills to arrive at a compromise suitable to both houses of Congress can begin.

No energy legislation, and certainly none of the significance and far-reaching implications of the Carter administration's coal conversion initiative, can see the light of day on the House side without the specific and enthusiastic support of Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Power of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Dingell's initial, albeit lukewarm, support for the administration bill, which he co-sponsored on its introduction in the House, has evaporated.

Within the energy and power subcommittee, members cannot even muster the required majority vote to move the bill to "markup," the process through which a final piece of legislation is crafted for subcommittee, committee, and eventually full House voting.

Even if pressure were to be brought to bear on Dingell to reverse his position at this stage of the game, it is virtually impossible that the House could act swiftly enough to get an oil backout bill approved before the legislators leave town for their biennial re-election campaigns.

On the Senate side, the steadfast support of Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-W. Va.) has been crucial in getting the Senate's approval of that body's version of the legislation.

However, despite Byrd's efforts to embarrass the House into speedy action on its bill, the impasse appears un-

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Fluor's Samuel Tells RMCMI Break Ground Now for '85 Synfuels

By GENE SMITH

VAIL, Colo.

A Fluor development engineer insisted here that "we can come close" to Governmental targets of 500,000 barrels of synfuels a day by 1987 and 2-million a day by 1992 "if we start promptly."

Drawing on his company's experience with South Africa's three SASOL projects, William A. Samuel told the 76th meeting of the Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute that political and economic problems are the main obstacles.

Robert E. Bedingfield's exclusive CINews report on The Flick Group, the $5-billion West Germany conglomerate, will appear in the next issue of CINews along with an in-depth profile of W.R. Grace & Co., of which The Flick Group is the largest shareholder.

"SASOL's progress demonstrates how we can solve the purely technical and logistic problems, formidable though they are," he said, adding: "The real obstacles are...imposed by man, not by nature."

(Construction of SASOL I began in 1950 and it began operating 5 years later. SASOL II, which will produce the equivalent of 40,000 barrels of transport fuel a day, is expected to be fully operable in 1981 and a duplicate, SASOL III, will begin a year later.)

Using projections of Exxon for the

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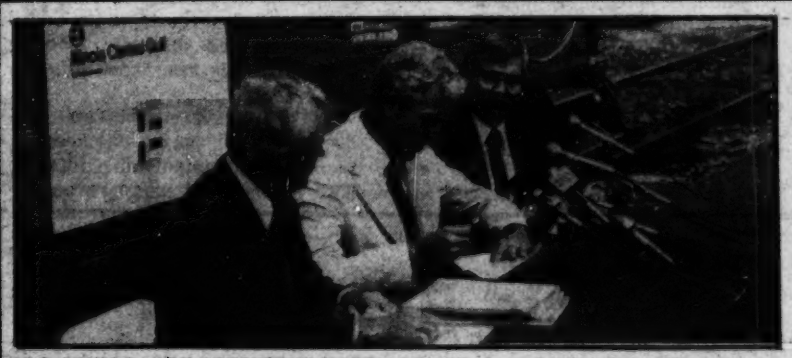

ICG SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT HARRY BRUCE signs the 20-year tariff contract to transport 26-million tons of Illinois coal to the new Hoosier Energy power generating station in Merom, Ind. He is flanked by Virgil Peterson (left), executive vice president of Hoosier Energy, and Dick Brooks, senior vice president of Freeman United Coal Mining Company.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL GULF COAL UNIT TRAINS will carry a steady flow of Illinois coal from the Freeman United Crown III mine to Hoosier Energy's new power generating station in Merom, Ind. Over the 20-year life of the recently signed freight contract, such trains will carry 26-million tons of coal. For full details, see story on Page 9.

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COAL INDUSTRY IS BEING CRUSHED by regulatory over-kill, Says Congressman Nick J. Rahall on Capitol Hill. (Page 7)

'FAST BUCK' OPERATORS are throwing curves in export coal market, according to CINews' Hal Taylor and Bob Bedingfield in a report on coal transshipments. (Page 10)

THE BALTIMORE SUN JOINS other major newspapers in announcing support for coal as major energy source. (Page 11)

DOMESTIC

Production	6/28/80	6/21/80	6/30/79
Bituminous, weekly avg.	17,300	17,006	16,540
year to date	433,000	866,400	791,710
Anthracite, weekly avg.	700	710	680
year to date	3,500	3,551	3,411
Miscellaneous, Ohio, weekly avg.			
year to date	117,000	135,400	106,910
Miscellaneous, Kentucky, weekly avg.	2,940,971	2,775,300	2,285,800
yr. to date	550	600	550
Miscellaneous, Kentucky, weekly avg.	14,000	13,997	13,000
yr. to date			

Production data in thousands of net tons.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report; Association of American Railroads, Car Service Division - Statement CS-54A.

By States (Bituminous and Lignite)			
Eastern	6/28/80	6/21/80	6/30/79
Alabama	548	545	476
Georgia	2	2	2
Illinois	1,391	1,389	1,276
Indiana	540	578	555
Kentucky:			
Eastern	2,288	2,240	2,230
Western	990	988	943
Total, Ky.	3,275	3,237	3,023
Maryland	79	96	48
Ohio	1,007	1,005	927
Pennsylvania	2,014	2,011	1,980
Tennessee	270	283	223
Virginia	1,019	1,007	1,004
West Virginia	2,219	2,215	2,198
Total, Eastern	12,365	12,277	11,577
Western			
Alaska	15	15	14
Arizona	222	222	270
Arkansas	14	15	13
Colorado	382	375	332
Iowa	12	12	11
Kansas	12	11	10
Missouri	114	138	111
Montana	868	899	796
New Mexico	292	307	257
North Dakota	280	290	278
Oklahoma	114	102	95
Texas	529	528	509
Utah	200	200	198
Washington	102	102	101
Wyoming	1,569	1,562	1,371
Total, Western	4,765	4,783	4,334
Total, United States	17,970	17,040	15,911

In short tons (000).

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Admin.: Weekly Coal Report

Coal Labor	Apr.'80	Mar.'80	Apr.'79
All employees			
Coal mining	253.9	257.5	259.7
Mines & Ignite	256.9	254.5	258.8
Production employees			
Coal mining	218.0	214.4	217.7
Mines & Ignite	213.9	211.7	215.1
Hours, weekly average			
Coal mining	38.9	40.4	40.8
Mines & Ignite	38.9	40.4	40.9
Earnings, hourly average			
Coal mining	$10.79	$10.45	$10.45
Mines & Ignite	10.82	10.47	10.48
Earnings, weekly average			
Coal mining	$420.52	$422.18	$428.36
Mines & Ignite	421.72	422.98	429.63

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics - Employment and Earnings.

Transportation - Railroads			
Eastern district	6/21/80	6/14/80	6/28/79
Bessemer and Lake Erie	1,822	1,120	1,952
Baltimore and Ohio	7,190	7,667	6,842
Chesapeake and Ohio	16,361	17,486	13,900
Consolidated Rail Corp.	9,515	10,435	9,825
Norfolk and Western	19,221	19,515	17,249
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	280	429	616
Western Maryland	2,242	2,217	1,614
Other, eastern district	58	148	21
Total, eastern district	58,690	59,040	52,019
Southern district			
Clinchfield Railroad	2,460	2,575	1,579
Illinois Central Gulf	4,384	4,231	4,233
Louisville Nashville	14,003	13,995	12,089
Southern Railway	8,003	7,231	6,973
Other, southern district	1	5	10
Total, southern dist.	28,851	28,037	24,884
Western district			
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	1,373	1,679	1,402
Burlington Northern	19,000	19,328	15,628
Chicago & North Western	831	855	884
Denver & Rio Grande Wstrn	3,374	3,546	3,382
Kansas City Southern	109	105	71
Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pac.	1,195	1,080	1,205
Missouri-Kansas-Texas	77	126	201
Missouri Pacific	4,139	4,017	4,313
Chicago, Rock Is. & Pacific	—	—	107
St. Louis-San Francisco	842	874	787
Soo Line	18	18	67
Union Pacific	3,903	4,231	3,788
Other, western district	23	53	9
Total, western district	34,894	35,988	31,925
Total, all districts	120,431	122,945	108,508
Inland Rivers	6/28/80	6/21/80	6/30/79
Monongahela River, Lock 3	329,844	331,618	280,474
Allegheny River, Lock 2	23,100	19,800	37,800
Ohio River, Mntgmry Lock	244,820	184,307	203,200

In short tons through locks

Source: U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District

Data given in short tons (000).

Coal Beer Production	Recent	Previous	Yr. Ago
Major direct users:			
Electric Utilities (Mil. Kw., 6/28)	46,894	43,821	44,256
Steel (short tons-000, 6/28)	1,892	1,787	2,804
Cement, Portland, U.S. shipments (short tons, Apr. 1980)	5,883,694	4,591,984	6,269,287
Other significant output:			
Aluminum (short tons, May 1980)	438,050	421,105	423,377
Motor vehicle prod., total (week, June 28)	145,802	152,135	253,089
Machine tools:			
Net new orders ($000, 5/80)	433,400	411,900	476,250
Shipments ($000, 5/80)	373,750	343,050	322,600

Sources: Edison Electric Institute; American Iron & Steel Institute; U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Mines, Div. of Nonmetallic Minerals; Aluminum Association; Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Assoc.; National Machine Tool Builders Assoc.

PRICE INDEXES	5/80	4/80	5/79
Coal	464.8	463.3	450.8

Anthracite	451.8	451.8	407.6
Chestnut, Pa. mine	403.9	403.9	364.1
Buckwheat No. 1, Pa. mine	515.5	N.A.	485.3
Bituminous coal	484.3	482.8	451.2
Domestic sizes	580.7	580.7	573.9
Retail dealers	274.7	274.7	271.5
Industrial sizes, spot	394.7	393.8	392.4
Steam electric util.	120.9	121.2	115.4
Manufacturing	250.9	250.6	251.4
Metallurgical, high volatile	698.5	694.7	710.0
Metallurgical, low & medium volatile	703.0	698.5	706.0
Industrial sizes, contract	131.8	131.3	127.2
Steam, elec. util.	157.5	156.6	146.0
Manufacturing	120.0	120.0	117.7
Metallurgical, high volatile	99.4	99.4	104.4
Coke (Foundry by-product)	430.6	430.6	430.6
Birmingham, Ala.	439.6	439.6	434.0
Milwaukee, Wis.	420.4	420.4	420.4
Detroit, Mich.	423.1	423.1	N.A.
Indianapolis, Ind.	437.7	437.7	437.7
St. Louis, Missouri	296.8	296.8	296.8
Philadelphia, Penna.	295.8	295.8	295.8

Abbreviations

DOE — Dept. of Energy
EIA — Energy Information Admin.
AAR — Assn. of American Railroads
EEI — Edison Electric Institute
MVMA — Motor Vehicle Mfrs. Ass.
COE — Corps of Engineers
Bit. — Bituminous
Lig. — Lignite
Ant. — Anthracite

EXPORTS

	Physical Value			Dollar Value		Prices—Avg. Value per Short Ton			
	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979
Bituminous coal, low volatile blends to make coke									
Japan	1,966,248	1,633,165	1,225,937	114,573,702	95,443,272	71,820,418	58.27	58.44	58.42
France	416,689	587,811	343,510	23,015,180	25,808,224	18,689,037	55.23	43.91	54.35
Italy	574,983	538,041	420,358	30,324,258	28,714,195	21,774,467	52.74	53.37	51.80
Netherlands	287,378	265,627	108,333	13,699,482	12,522,837	5,966,670	47.57	50.91	56.30
Spain	220,421	59,382	45,342	11,183,723	2,999,235	2,431,404	50.73	59.52	53.82
Belgium	166,035	275,105	264,432	7,723,749	15,824,259	12,139,791	46.52	57.52	45.91
Germany, F.R. (West)	199,026	—	40,540	10,296,323	—	2,039,199	51.73	—	50.30
Canada	844,482	301,784	880,147	48,398,365	17,444,172	50,501,387	57.31	57.80	57.38
Total, above	4,675,260	3,660,895	3,328,599	259,184,792	199,755,994	185,162,373	55.44	54.58	55.66
Total, other nations	861,804	859,588	726,045	43,068,140	42,401,519	37,886,167	49.97	49.33	52.04
Total, all nations	5,537,064	4,520,483	4,054,644	302,252,932	242,157,513	223,048,540	54.59	53.57	55.01
Bituminous coal, other									
France	250,301	326,857	—	8,246,049	10,621,854	—	32.94	32.52	—
Netherlands	144,997	128,611	—	5,910,244	4,751,779	—	40.76	36.95	—
Spain	127,794	50,921	—	5,082,271	2,509,599	—	39.77	49.28	—
Canada	1,063,266	20,887	1,166,427	44,044,099	883,481	45,469,975	41.42	42.71	39.00
Total, above	1,586,358	526,876	1,166,427	63,282,663	18,765,713	45,469,975	39.89	35.62	39.00
Total, other nations	290,843	517,662	6,133	12,303,647	20,881,797	323,694	42.30	40.34	52.77
Total, all nations	1,877,201	1,044,538	1,172,560	75,586,310	39,648,510	45,813,669	40.27	37.96	39.07
Lignite									
Total, all nations	3,582	924	3,216	554,214	148,961	552,028	154.29	161.21	171.65
Coal coke for use as fuel									
Total, all nations	244,584	160,879	92,377	15,426,880	12,084,636	5,524,098	63.08	68.81	59.83
Petroleum coke, except calcined									
Total, all nations	420,304	607,221	799,611	15,719,933	23,368,294	23,296,502	37.40	38.48	29.13
Compositions used for fuel									
Total, all nations	25,559	8,369	2,671	793,184	281,658	362,963	31.03	44.32	135.89

	Physical Value			Dollar Value		Prices—Avg. Value per Short Ton			
	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979
Anthracite									
Japan	12,115	—	—	867,741	—	—	71.63	—	—
Korea, Rep. (South)	28,154	—	—	835,222	—	—	29.67	—	—
France	34,316	23,019	—	1,681,479	1,550,869	—	49.00	67.37	—
Canada	63,620	6,171	38,318	4,010,206	388,523	2,382,843	63.03	63.12	62.19
Total, above	138,205	29,190	38,318	7,394,648	1,940,392	2,382,843	53.50	66.47	62.19
Total, other nations	6,442	38,107	2,484	1,003,829	2,104,133	246,506	155.83	55.22	99.24
Total, all nations	144,647	67,297	40,802	8,398,477	4,044,525	2,629,349	58.06	60.10	64.44
COAL IMPORTS									
Bituminous coal									
South Africa	59,973	61,015	67,730	1,284,775	1,306,330	1,460,094	21.42	21.41	21.41
Other nations	48	28,539	48	4,002	935,865	1,635	83.38	32.79	34.06
Total, all nations	60,021	89,554	67,778	1,288,777	2,242,004	1,461,729	21.47	25.04	21.42
Coke, suitable for fuel									
Japan	23,290	42,245	—	2,454,177	3,429,998	—	105.37	81.19	—
Germany, F.R. (West)	—	23	194,214	—	1,779	17,553,492	—	77.35	90.38
Argentina	22,637	—	27,207	224,879	—	475,140	9.93	—	17.46
Total, above	45,927	42,268	221,421	2,679,056	3,431,777	18,028,632	58.36	81.19	81.42
Total, other nations	10,361	7,853	70,802	808,311	806,288	5,838,431	78.01	77.48	82.46
Total, all nations	56,288	50,121	292,223	3,487,367	4,240,065	23,867,063	61.96	80.61	81.67
Compositions for fuel									
Canada (only importer)	3,767	1,458	2,823	151,337	80,426	73,868	40.17	41.42	26.17
Coal, other, and lignite									
Australia	—	—	58,892	—	—	1,841,385	—	—	32.48
Canada	3,224	3,480	2,803	125,747	135,116	78,203	39.00	38.83	28.94
Poland	—	—	33,747	—	—	978,661	—	—	29.00
Total, above	3,226	3,480	93,342	125,747	135,116	2,898,249	39.00	38.83	31.05
Total, other nations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total, all nations	3,224	3,480	93,342	125,747	135,116	2,898,249	39.00	38.83	31.05

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS OF MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COAL AND OTHER ENERGY-RELATED INDUSTRIES.

July 15 — Public hearing by Office of Surface Mining on Oklahoma proposal to give the state primary jurisdiction over surface mining; 4 to 7 p.m. at Holiday Inn South, 800 South 32d St., Muskogee, Okla.

July 20-24 — First Global Conference on the Future, organized by World Future Society and Canadian Futures Society, Toronto, Canada. Information: Conference Committee, World Future Society, 4916 St. Elmo Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20014.

July 22-25 — Planning and Economic Aspects — Surface Coal Mining, Kiandra/Talisman Lodge, Vail, Co. Contact: Director of Continuing Education, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Col. 80401.

Aug. 18-21 — Century 2, Emerging Technology Conferences, San Francisco, Cal. Sponsored by American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 345 East 47th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Sept. 21-24 — 1980 American Mining Conference — "Time to Mine Our Own Business," San Francisco, Cal. Information: American Mining Congress, 1100 Ring Building, Washington, D.C. 20036. Phone: 202-861-2800.